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# **REPUTED SCOTTS DALE PROSTITUTE SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on March 18, 2002, LOIS M. BRAL, 70, of Scottsdale, Arizona, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment and three years of supervised release by United States District Judge Roslyn O. Silver, in Phoenix, Arizona.

In August 2001, BRAL pleaded guilty to the full indictment against her, which included four counts of attempted tax evasion, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201, for attempting to evade approximately \$70,000 in federal individual income taxes she earned from her prostitution business between 1993 and 1996.

According to the government, BRAL's annual income totaled approximately \$70,000 and she lives in a \$410,000 Scottsdale home. In addition, the government alleged that it was likely that Ms. Bral had evaded substantially more in income than the charges reflected, in that cash she earned was not included in these charges. The government further alleged that BRAL admitted not having filed tax returns since 1977. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service.

The prosecution was handled by Stephen Winerip, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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